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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on June 1, 2006 totaled 230,000 head, down 6 percent from the June 1, 2005 inventory, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was also down 6 percent from the number on hand May 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during May totaled 37,000 head, down 24,000 head from May 2005 placements. Marketings during May totaled 47,000 head, down 7,000 from May 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on June 1, 2006. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2005 and 5 percent above June 1, 2004. This is the second highest June 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.91 million, 14 percent below 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.80 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000, 600-699 pounds were 370,000, 700-799 pounds were 503,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 600,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 2005 and 7 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 20 percent above 2005 and 46 percent above 2004.

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